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Vacation shutdowns of Connecticut factories and other seasonal influences contributed to lower employment and increased unemployment during July, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: July's nonagricultural employment of 1,661,800 was down by 24,500 from June's level but 21,000 above July 1987 (page 2). Vacation closings were largely responsible for a 15,700 drop in manufacturing employment. In nonmanufacturing, there were monthly gains in finance, insurance and real estate, construction and jobs with hotels. Lower employment in government and transportation reflected summer furloughs of school support staff. Compared with last year, overall employment in the state was up 1.3 percent.

Both hourly and weekly earnings of factory production workers dropped in July to $446.78 and $10.74, respectively, for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.6 hours (page 3). A year ago these workers received an average of $441.84 a week at $10.52 per hour. Adjusted for a 40-hour week, July earnings were $10.31 an hour and $412.40 weekly, 2.4% over last year. The highest weekly wages were paid to construction workers, $643.19, followed by those in transportation equipment, $534.39; chemicals, $525.37, and machinery, $501.72. Factory workers in the Stamford area earned the highest weekly wage, $503.66, among the five largest markets, followed by Hartford, $477.24, and Bridgeport, $460.20 (page 6).

Unemployment: There was an unemployment increase from June's 53,000 (3.0%) to 55,600 (3.2%) in July, down from 58,400 (3.3%) a year earlier (page 4). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.0 percent compared with 3.2 in 1987. The nation's July rate was 5.4 percent. Between June and July, ten labor markets had increases in joblessness while it dropped in five. Compared with last year, unemployment was lower in 11 areas, unchanged in Middletown, Lower River and Norwalk and up in Bridgeport.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents registered another new monthly high of $5-billion, 375-million (page 7). Other economic indicators showed fewer new automobile registrations, a decline in manufacturing output and more new (initial) claims for unemployment benefits.

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A report on 1987 wages paid to Connecticut workers, which led the nation with an average annual gain of 8.8 percent, is attached. Earnings of all U.S. workers rose 4.5 percent to a $20,855 average while Connecticut workers earned $24,314 last year.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	July 1988(P)	June 1988(R)	July 1987(R)	% Change July '88 over June '88	% Change July '88 over July '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,661,800*	1,686,300*	1,640,800*	- 1.5	+ 1.3
Manufacturing.....	363,100*	378,800*	377,600*	- 4.1	- 3.8
Durable.....	268,900*	282,000*	281,700*	- 4.6	- 4.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,500	7,700	7,400	- 2.6	+ 1.4
Primary Metals.....	12,300*	13,200	12,300	- 6.8	0.0
Fabricated Metals.....	42,000*	43,300*	41,400	- 3.0	+ 1.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,400	47,600	47,200	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Electrical Equipment....	49,200	50,900	49,400	- 3.3	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	73,500*	81,500*	85,600	- 9.8	- 14.1
Instruments & Clocks....	23,200	23,700	24,700	- 2.1	- 6.1
Other Durable.....	13,800	14,100	13,700	- 2.1	+ 0.7
Nondurable.....	94,200	96,800	95,900	- 2.7	- 1.8
Food.....	12,000	13,000	12,400	- 7.7	- 3.2
Textiles.....	3,500	3,600	4,100	- 2.8	- 14.6
Apparel.....	5,700	6,700	7,100	- 14.9	- 19.7
Paper.....	9,600	9,600	9,300	0.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,100	27,300	27,300	- 0.7	- 0.7
Chemicals.....	22,700	22,600	21,900	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,900	12,300	12,000	- 3.3	- 0.8
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,298,700*	1,307,500	1,263,200*	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Construction & Mining....	85,800*	83,900	83,300	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Transportation.....	39,700	41,900	37,900	- 5.3	+ 4.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	17,000	16,200	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Other Transportation....	22,600	24,900	21,700	- 9.2	+ 4.1
Communications.....	19,300	19,300	19,900	0.0	- 3.0
Utilities.....	13,200	13,100	13,200	+ 0.8	0.0
Trade.....	383,200	384,600	370,600*	+ 0.4	- 3.4
Wholesale.....	90,200	89,800	88,200	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Retail.....	293,000	294,800	282,400*	- 0.6	+ 3.8
General Merchandise....	34,800	35,400	34,400	- 1.7	+ 1.2
Food Stores.....	50,100	50,900	49,000	- 1.6	+ 2.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,700	32,100	- 0.3	+ 4.7
Restaurants.....	80,600	80,700	78,800*	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	93,900	94,100	88,100	- 0.2	+ 6.6
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	154,800	153,500	152,000	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
Banking.....	35,600	35,300	34,800	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Insurance.....	80,500	80,200	80,200	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Real Estate.....	15,800	15,500	14,700	+ 1.9	+ 7.5
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,900	22,500	21,300	+ 1.8	+ 7.5
Services.....	403,400	402,900	391,400*	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Hotels.....	13,200	12,500	12,200	+ 5.6	+ 8.2
Personal Services.....	19,200	19,500	18,500	- 1.5	+ 3.8
Business Services.....	88,900	88,900	88,000	0.0	+ 1.0
Health Services.....	121,200	122,100	116,900*	- 0.7	+ 3.7
Law & Professional.....	37,200	37,000	34,200	+ 0.5	+ 8.8
Educational Services....	32,600	33,200	32,600	- 1.8	0.0
Other Services.....	91,100	89,700	89,000	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Government.....	199,300	208,300	194,900	- 4.3	+ 2.3
Federal.....	26,000	25,800	25,500	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
State & Local.....	173,300	182,500	169,400	- 5.0	+ 2.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987(R)	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987(R)	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$446.78	$449.11	$441.84	41.6	41.7	42.0	$10.74	$10.77	$10.52
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	458.53	461.92	454.97	42.3	42.3	42.6	10.84	10.92	10.68
Lumber & Furniture.....	358.97	356.65	329.15	40.7	40.9	39.8	8.82	8.72	8.27
Primary Metals.....	468.70	493.10	502.32	43.6	45.7	46.0	10.75	10.79	10.92
Fabricated Metals.....	429.35	437.93	427.71	42.3	42.6	42.9	10.15	10.28	9.97
Machinery.....	501.72	519.55	513.47	44.4	45.1	46.3	11.30	11.52	11.09
Electrical Equipment.....	391.98	382.23	394.25	41.7	41.1	42.9	9.40	9.30	9.19
Transportation Equipment.....	534.39	526.10	508.31	40.7	40.5	40.6	13.13	12.99	12.52
Instruments and Clocks.....	449.38	450.69	409.08	45.3	44.8	41.7	9.92	10.06	9.81
Other Durable Mfg.....	385.04	378.55	391.41	39.9	40.4	40.9	9.65	9.37	9.57
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	414.87	412.80	404.81	39.7	40.0	40.4	10.45	10.32	10.02
Food.....	399.60	387.29	399.45	40.0	39.6	39.2	9.99	9.78	10.19
Textiles.....	346.43	348.60	315.02	39.1	40.3	38.7	8.86	8.65	8.14
Apparel.....	244.30	242.72	242.90	36.3	37.0	37.6	6.73	6.56	6.46
Paper.....	485.52	482.77	490.84	42.0	42.2	44.3	11.56	11.44	11.08
Printing and Publishing.....	415.89	418.50	382.50	37.1	37.5	37.1	11.21	11.16	10.31
Chemicals.....	525.37	520.57	515.81	42.3	42.6	43.2	12.42	12.22	11.94
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	352.63	364.83	356.34	40.3	40.9	41.1	8.75	8.92	8.67
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	304.67	328.04	389.40	35.1	36.9	44.3	8.68	8.89	8.79
CONSTRUCTION.....	643.19	654.47	599.47	39.9	40.6	39.7	16.12	16.12	15.10

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	July 1988 Number	July 1988 Ratio to Labor Force	June 1988 Number	June 1988 Ratio to Labor Force	July 1987(R) Number	July 1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	55,600	3.2	53,000	3.0	58,400	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.0)		(3.0)		(3.2)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,900	4.3	8,300	3.6	9,300	4.1
Bristol.....	1,500	3.8	1,300	3.4	1,700	4.5
Danbury.....	3,300	2.9	3,500	3.1	3,600	3.3
Danielson.....	1,500	4.4	1,300	3.9	1,600	4.6
Hartford.....	11,600	2.7	12,200	2.9	12,500	2.9
Middletown.....	1,300	2.5	1,300	2.4	1,300	2.5
Lower River.....	400	2.4	400	2.0	400	2.4
New Britain.....	2,700	3.7	2,200	3.0	2,800	3.8
New Haven.....	8,600	3.1	8,000	2.9	8,800	3.2
New London/Norwich...	4,000	3.0	4,500	3.3	4,300	3.2
Norwalk.....	2,100	2.6	1,900	2.3	2,200	2.6
Stamford.....	2,400	2.0	2,700	2.2	2,700	2.3
Torrington.....	1,500	2.9	1,700	3.3	1,600	3.2
Waterbury.....	4,500	4.4	3,700	3.6	5,300	5.2
Willimantic.....	600	2.5	600	2.2	700	2.7
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	6,823,000	5.4	6,819,000	5.5	7,453,000	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.2)		(6.0)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	July '88	June '88	July '87
All Items.....	354.9	353.5	340.8
Percent Change From.....	- xxx	+ 0.4	+ 4.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	July'88	June'88	July'87(R)	Percent Change to July 1988 from: June'88	July'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	196,450*	201,990*	195,100	- 2.7	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	52,940*	55,270*	56,550	- 4.2	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	143,510	146,720	138,550	- 2.2	+ 3.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,050	26,250	25,520	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	7,060	7,410	7,540	- 4.7	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,990	18,840	17,980	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,760	83,500	80,030	- 2.1	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	23,480	24,210	23,580	- 3.0	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	58,280	59,290	56,450	- 1.7	+ 3.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,600	23,600	22,630	- 4.2	- 0.1
Manufacturing	8,010	8,850	8,940	- 9.5	- 10.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,590	14,750	13,690	- 1.1	+ 6.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	485,870*	491,300*	474,800*	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	92,230*	93,250*	90,760*	- 1.1	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	393,640*	398,050*	384,040	- 1.1	+ 2.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,500	46,850	45,300	- 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	9,490	9,560	9,990	- 0.7	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	37,010	37,290	35,310	- 0.8	+ 4.8
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,430	15,550	14,920	- 0.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	4,430	4,590	4,660	- 3.5	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	11,000	10,960	10,260	+ 0.4	+ 7.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,110	68,210	64,560	- 1.6	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	20,040	20,720	20,050	- 3.3	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	47,070	47,490	44,510	- 0.9	+ 5.8
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	256,120	258,580	249,350*	- 1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	45,300	46,260	45,900	- 2.1	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	210,820	212,320	203,450*	- 0.7	+ 3.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,660*	121,750*	118,310	- 6.6	- 3.9
Manufacturing	25,470*	33,070*	33,370	- 23.0	- 23.7
Nonmanufacturing	88,190	88,680	84,940	- 0.6	+ 3.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,080	75,560	74,560	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	19,510	19,750	20,340	- 1.2	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	55,570	55,810	54,220	- 0.4	+ 2.5
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,350	130,850	126,730	- 1.1	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	23,330	24,170	23,370	- 3.5	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	106,020	106,680	103,360	- 0.6	+ 2.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	July'88	June'88	July'87(R)	Percent Change to June 1988 from: June'88	July'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,280	34,620	32,750	- 1.0	+ 4.7
Manufacturing	7,780	7,990	7,380	- 2.6	+ 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	26,500	26,630	25,370	- 0.5	+ 4.5
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,810	89,520	84,950	- 1.9	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	22,160	23,910	22,480	- 7.3	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	65,650	65,610	62,470	+ 0.1	+ 5.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,310	20,960	20,130	- 3.1	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	1,760	1,930	1,860	- 8.8	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,550	19,030	18,270	- 2.5	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

*** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Bridgeport	$460.20	$463.98	$449.19	41.2	41.8	41.4	$11.17	$11.10	$10.85
Hartford	477.24	476.43	447.26	41.9	42.5	41.8	11.39	11.21	10.70
New Haven	420.39	419.83	409.46	40.5	40.8	40.5	10.38	10.29	10.11
Stamford	503.66	488.84	484.77	40.1	40.4	42.9	12.56	12.10	11.30
Waterbury	400.58	416.55	377.87	40.3	43.3	41.8	9.94	9.62	9.04

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3(R)	1666.3(R)	3072	3293	3.0	3.0	5352.3(R)
Jul....	1661.8(P)	1668.5(P)	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5375.4(P)
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	18,792	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul	22,816	13,026,000	11,005,000
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans

1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments

1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction

1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,465,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (7/31/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (7/31/88)

$307.3 million

*Interest bearing r=revised

Connecticut Workers Rank Number One in Average Earnings Gains in 1987

With average earnings of $24,314 in 1987, the 1.6 million plus Connecticut workers covered under State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws were among the highest paid in the nation. Figures recently released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show wage earners here ranking third among the 50 states. Workers in Alaska held first place with average annual earnings of $28,008, while New Yorkers took the second spot with an average of $24,634. In terms of relative growth from 1986, however, Connecticut's covered wage and salary workers led the nation with an average 8.8 percent gain. Earnings of the New York workers rose by 6.2 percent from 1986 while Alaskan wage earners actually lost ground (-1.5 percent). The earnings of all U.S. workers covered by State and Federal UI laws rose 4.5 percent from a year earlier to average $20,855 in 1987.

Connecticut's gain -- like Alaska's loss -- was spread throughout the economy, with service worker earnings (+ 10.9 percent) and those of retail trade and construction industry personnel (+ 10.7 and 10.5 percent, respectively) showing the greatest relative gains. However, highest earnings in Connecticut continued to be centered in the financial sector, and specifically in the Security and Commodity Brokers group ($68,270 per worker for the year) and in Holding and Other Investment Offices ($58,345). Next highest averages were reported in Tobacco Products manufacturing ($51,808), Mining ($41,585) and Chemical Products firms ($40,688), all of which have corporate headquarters and research facilities in the State.

Although employment in Connecticut's factory sector has been declining (-3.3 percent in 1986, -2.6 percent in 1987), earnings of its workers have continued to rise. In 1987 they averaged $30,070, up a substantial 5.3 percent from 1986. Only two other states, Delaware and Michigan, reported higher factory sector earnings last year.

Approximately 1 in every 5 Connecticut manufacturing workers is employed in the Transportation Equipment Industry whose major products are aircraft engines, helicopters, aircraft parts and submarines. The Transportation Equipment Industry reported aggregate payrolls of nearly $3.0 billion in 1987 and average earnings of $34,009 per worker.

Overall factory payrolls in the State totaled almost $11.6 billion and accounted for nearly 3 of every 10 dollars paid out in wages by Connecticut employers. In the fourth quarter of 1987 there were 6,486 active manufacturing establishments out of a total 95,865 UI covered places of business. The payrolls of all-covered employers in the State amounted to $39.7 billion, up 10.8 percent from a year earlier, while the average number of workers employed exceeded 1,633,000, up 2.6 percent from 1986.

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C O N N E C T I C U T

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY *
FOR 1987

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
TOTAL - ALL INDUSTRIES	95,865	1,633,142	$39,708.8	$24,314	**$467.58**
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,969	13,669	210.0	15,360	**295.38**
Agriculture Production - Crops	127	4,383	56.2	12,831	246.75
Agriculture Production - Livestock	53	1,109	21.5	19,425	373.56
Agriculture Services	1,763	8,096	130.1	16,071	309.06
Forestry and Fishing	26	81	2.1	25,447	489.37
Mining	83	1,585	65.9	41,585	**799.71**
Construction	12,957	77,958	2,266.4	29,072	**559.08**
General Building Contractors	4,597	24,006	726.3	30,254	581.81
Heavy Construction Contractors	419	7,091	253.0	35,676	686.08
Special Trade Contractors	7,941	46,861	1,287.1	27,467	528.21
Manufacturing	6,486	384,865	11,572.8	30,070	**578.27**
Food and Kindred Products	194	12,246	329.3	26,887	517.06
Tobacco Manufacturers	5	504	26.1	51,808	996.31
Textile Mill Products	71	4,211	89.9	21,344	410.46
Apparel and Other Textile Products	182	7,456	134.1	17,985	345.87
Lumber and Wood Products	266	3,569	94.9	26,593	511.40
Furniture and Fixtures	131	3,926	83.8	21,346	410.50
Paper and Allied Products	106	9,364	321.5	34,332	660.23
Printing and Publishing	990	28,079	690.2	24,581	472.71
Chemicals and Allied Products	176	21,869	889.8	40,688	782.46
Petroleum and Coal Products	17	300	10.9	36,345	698.94
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	289	12,368	316.3	25,576	491.88
Leather and Leather Products	19	829	11.8	14,279	274.60
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	168	5,028	146.0	29,031	558.29
Primary Metal Industries	200	13,225	378.7	28,634	550.65
Fabricated Metal Products	1,011	43,345	1,128.7	26,039	500.75
Machinery, Except Electrical	1,434	47,612	1,505.0	31,609	607.87
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	535	50,227	1,471.2	29,291	563.29
Transportation Equipment	175	86,965	2,957.6	34,009	654.02
Instruments and Related Products	279	24,764	758.5	39,628	589.00
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	238	8,982	228.7	25,462	489.65
Transportation, Communications & Util.	2,970	69,691	2,058.3	29,535	**567.98**
Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	292	9,282	134.8	14,524	279.31
Trucking and Warehousing	1,150	16,220	440.6	27,162	522.35
Water Transportation	186	2,255	66.4	29,451	566.37
Transportation by Air	138	4,113	102.2	24,852	477.92
Railroad and Transportation Services	684	5,213	131.2	25,175	484.13
Communication and Utilities	520	32,608	1,183.1	36,282	697.73
Wholesale Trade	9,092	87,221	2,850.8	32,684	**628.54**
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,931	54,406	1,861.4	34,214	657.96
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	3,161	32,815	989.3	30,149	579.79

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
Retail Trade	**19,998**	**283,873**	**$ 3,841.9**	**$13,534**	**$260.27**
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	1,043	11,933	250.6	20,997	403.79
General Merchandise Stores	391	35,414	445.2	12,571	241.75
Food Stores	2,209	49,826	585.3	11,747	225.90
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2,545	31,998	712.9	22,279	428.44
Apparel and Accessories Stores	1,682	20,530	244.3	11,899	228.83
Furniture and Home Furnishing Stores	1,778	13,852	246.9	17,821	342.71
Eating and Drinking Places	5,047	77,160	698.8	9,057	174.17
Miscellaneous Retail	5,303	43,159	657.9	15,244	293.15
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	**7,461**	**148,487**	**4,413.2**	**29,701**	**571.17**
Banking	614	34,132	735.6	21,552	414.46
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	700	11,497	346.7	30,155	579.90
Security, Commodity Brokers & Services	627	6,490	443.1	68,270	1,312.88
Insurance Carriers	473	69,159	2,012.6	29,102	559.65
Insurance Agents, Brokers & Services	1,454	9,862	307.4	31,169	599.40
Real Estate	3,263	14,592	415.1	28,449	547.10
Combined Real Estate, Insurance, Etc.	70	477	13.9	29,069	559.02
Holding and Other Investment Offices	260	2,378	138.7	58,345	1,122.02
Services	**31,384**	**368,002**	**7,645.0**	**20,774**	**399.50**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	362	12,014	145.5	12,114	232.96
Personal Services	3,257	18,832	235.4	12,500	240.38
Business Services	7,445	87,560	1,908.1	21,792	419.08
Auto Repair, Services and Garages	2,000	11,296	212.4	18,801	361.56
Miscellaneous Repair Services	943	4,380	105.8	24,160	464.62
Motion Pictures	237	1,892	38.2	20,204	388.54
Amusement and Recreation Services	959	12,514	175.1	13,991	269.06
Health Services	5,892	116,819	2,658.5	22,757	437.63
Legal Services	2,060	13,367	404.9	30,292	582.54
Educational Services	556	30,372	597.4	19,668	378.23
Social Services	1,373	21,505	287.2	13,357	256.87
Museums, Botanical, Zoological Gardens	57	1,098	13.7	12,441	239.25
Membership Organizations	1,454	12,452	162.6	13,056	251.08
Private Households	2,503	3,294	35.9	10,895	209.52
Miscellaneous Services	2,286	20,609	664.3	32,235	619.90
Government	**3,465**	**197,691**	**4,784.7**	**24,203**	**465.44**
Federal Government	608	25,175	686.9	27,285	524.71
State Government	663	59,656	1,508.5	25,286	486.26
Local Government	2,194	112,860	2,589.3	22,943	441.21

* Covered employment under unemployment insurance laws includes all workers with the following general exceptions: (1) Railroad employees who are covered under a special railroad unemployment insurance act: (2) Religious organizations and some private elementary and secondary schools run by churches: and (3) Certain agricultural and private household workers whose employers do not meet the size or payroll or time criteria established by the laws.

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